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The Happy Life Garden

The Happy Life Garden at Dunlop Avenue was transformed into a vibrant hub of creativity, connection, and community pride during our Tenant Garden Mural Event.

Renters of all ages came together to help bring a splash of colour to the garden wall. Led by local artist Alex, our renters helped create a beautiful mural that now proudly reflects the shared spirit of the community.

We were joined by representatives from Homes Victoria and National Affordable Housing, who witnessed firsthand the power of tenant-led events in building stronger and more connected neighbourhoods.

Our tenants also enjoyed some delicious food and friendly conversation with each other, with one renter saying: *"I love events like these because they help me meet my neighbours and have fun at the same time."*

A huge thank you to all the tenants who came along, picked up a paintbrush, or simply joined in the spirit of the day. Your involvement made it special!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY

Evolve Housing acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land where we deliver our housing services. We acknowledge and pay our respects to all Elders past, present and future. We welcome all First Nations Peoples to our services, as we walk together towards reconciliation.

Street library

We are excited to bring you our very own Dunlop Avenue Street Library! Sitting in the Happy Life Garden, the street library offers a quiet spot for book lovers of all ages.

It's a simple and inviting way to share stories. You can take a book, leave a book, and enjoy the chance to connect with your neighbours through reading.

Tenants are encouraged to contribute or pick up something new. Next time you're in the garden, stop by the library to discover a new read or pass along a favourite and share these stories with your neighbours!



Save the Date



Mums and Bubs Annual excursion — Museum of Play and Art

We're excited to invite mums and bubs to a fun and interactive outing to the Museum of Play and Art.

This vibrant space is perfect for little ones to explore, create, and play, while parents can connect and enjoy a relaxed day out together. You will also meet other families and enjoy a shared experience in a fun, welcoming environment.

DATE: Thursday 24th July 2025

TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Museum of Play and Art,
11/391 Settlement Road, Thomastown

Who's invited: Mums, bubs, and carers

How to book:

A link to the [Eventbrite page](#) will be sent to you soon. Simply follow the link to register and claim your free tickets.

KidZonia Program visit to Super Park!

We're thrilled to invite children and families to our upcoming KidZonia Program outing to SuperPark at Highpoint Shopping Centre!

This exciting indoor adventure park is packed with interactive zones where kids can climb, jump, run, and explore in a safe, engaging environment that encourages active play and plenty of fun.

DATE: Thursday, 10th July 2025

TIME: 1pm (please arrive at 12:45pm the latest)

This special outing is free for Evolve Housing renters, but tickets are limited—so be sure to secure your spot early.

How to book:

A link to the [Eventbrite page](#) will be sent to you soon. Simply follow the link to register and claim your free tickets.

Don't miss this great opportunity for your children to enjoy a day of adventure, connection, and creativity. We look forward to seeing you there!



MeetEvolve



We're introducing #MEETEVOLVE to give you a better insight into who we are as your support team! In this edition we interview Kshitij Kaushik (KK), who is the new Technical Officer – someone you may have already met!

How long have you been working at Evolve Housing?

KK: I've been with Evolve Housing for six months now!

What were you doing before you came to evolve housing?

KK: Before moving to Evolve Housing, I was working as a regional Building Maintenance Supervisor in an aged care organisation.

What made you want to work at Evolve Housing?

KK: When I saw the job opening at Evolve Housing, I knew it was something I had to do. I'm passionate about social impact, and working with a community housing provider aligns with my values around equity, inclusion, and provision of safe housing for all.

What kind of tasks does your job involve – what is a typical day like for you?

KK: My day typically revolves around managing the physical condition and lifecycle of the housing portfolio to ensure properties remain safe, compliant, and fit for purpose, in

line with regulatory standards and compliance with legislation.

What kind of impact do you think your role has on renters?

KK: My role has quite a significant impact on our renters as I help ensure the quality, safety, and long-term sustainability of housing is maintained.

What's your favourite thing about working for Evolve Housing?

KK: My favourite thing about working for Evolve Housing is the impact I have on people's lives. Knowing that my work contributes to providing safe, stable, and affordable housing to individuals and families who need it most gives me a real sense of purpose. It's especially rewarding to be part of an organisation that doesn't just provide housing but genuinely cares about the communities we share the world together.

Mould prevention this winter

Winter has well and truly arrived - and with the drop in temperatures comes an increase in condensation from heaters, cold surfaces and rainy days.

Tips to improve ventilation



Open windows and doors whenever the weather allows to create cross-breezes and let fresh air in



On chilly mornings, open up once it warms to help clear out overnight condensation



Keep vents and exhaust fans clean—dust and fluff can block airflow



Always switch on exhaust fans when cooking, showering, or doing laundry to help remove excess moisture

Simple habits to prevent mould



Let air circulate through your home—especially in the bathroom during cold weather



Wipe down wet surfaces in bathrooms and kitchens, and keep doors open to help them dry faster



Let the sun in! Natural light helps dry damp areas and slows mould growth



Dry clothes and shoes thoroughly before putting them away and leave wardrobe doors open now and then to air them out



Remove fruit and veggies from plastic bags and place them in sealed containers of the fridge to reduce excess moisture.



Regularly clean evaporation trays in air conditioners, dehumidifiers and fridges.



Vacuum carpets and rugs often using a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter vacuum to help trap mould spores.

Tenant Portal

Register for the Tenant Portal for your chance to win one of two iPads. The Tenant Portal is a secure, self-service platform designed to make managing your tenancy easier.

With the Portal, you can:



Request and track repairs



Pay rent and check balances



Submit Rent Review forms



Update your contact details



Access helpful resources



Share feedback

Before you can register, you need:

1. Your client I.D - this will be your username; and
2. An active email address registered in the Evolve Housing system.

To find out your client I.D, please contact us on 1800 693 865.

Ready to register?
Scan the QR code &
follow the prompts.



Competition corner



WIN a \$100 Gift card

In celebration of NAIDOC week's theme: *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy*, we will be holding a NAIDOC find-a-word competition.

THE PRIZE: We have 2 prizes to give away. Each winner will get a \$100 Essentials gift card.

HOW TO ENTER: Find all the listed words hidden in the grid—horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Once you've completed the puzzle, take a photo of your finished find-a-word.

Text your photo to to **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**. Use the subject line "NAIDOC". Please include your full name, Evolve Housing address and phone number.

All correct entries will go into the running to win, then we will draw two winners randomly

Please note you must be an Evolve Housing resident to enter.

Entries close midday Friday 11th July 2025, and we will contact the winners directly.

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Ask Izzy

Ask Izzy is an online website that connects people in need with housing, a meal, money help, health and wellbeing services, family violence support, counselling and much more.

<https://askizzy.org.au/>



WE WANT
YOUR FEEDBACK

SEND YOUR COMPLIMENT OR COMPLAINT TO:

ihear@evolvehousing.com.au

1800 693 865

or scan the QR code for our compliments, complaints and appeals forms



HOW TO LODGE AN APPEAL

If you are unhappy about a decision made about your tenancy you can lodge an appeal within three months from the date of the original decision. To lodge an appeal, fill out our Appeals form on our website by scanning the QR code above or contact our office on 1800 693 865